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| Attorney Docket No. | P-7827.2 |
| First Inventor | Keith Salsman |
| Title | Polymer Manufacturing... |
| Express Mail Label No. | EV 400363350 US |

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- Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.
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 - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
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- Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

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10. 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement Power of (when there is an assignee) Attorney
11. English Translation Document (if applicable)
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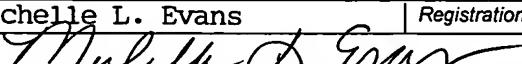
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RE: U.S. Patent Application entitled "Polymer Manufacturing Process"

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed please find the following items for filing on the above referenced patent application:

1. Utility Patent Application Transmittal;
2. Fee Transmittal for FY 2004;
3. Patent Application Fee Determination Record;
4. Patent Application (61 pages);
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FEE TRANSMITTAL
for FY 2004

Effective 10/01/2003. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

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| 1001 770 | 2001 385 | Utility filing fee | 385 | | |
| 1002 340 | 2002 170 | Design filing fee | | | |
| 1003 530 | 2003 265 | Plant filing fee | | | |
| 1004 770 | 2004 385 | Reissue filing fee | | | |
| 1005 160 | 2005 80 | Provisional filing fee | | | |
| SUBTOTAL (1) | | (\$) | 385.00 | | |

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

| Total Claims | Extra Claims | Fee from below | Fee Paid |
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| Independent Claims | -20** = | X | |
| Multiple Dependent | -3** = | X | |
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| 1202 18 | 2202 9 | Claims in excess of 20 |
| 1201 86 | 2201 43 | Independent claims in excess of 3 |
| 1203 290 | 2203 145 | Multiple dependent claim, if not paid |
| 1204 86 | 2204 43 | ** Reissue independent claims over original patent |
| 1205 18 | 2205 9 | ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent |
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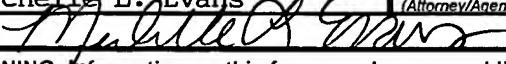
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| 1053 130 | 1053 130 | Non-English specification | | | |
| 1812 2,520 | 1812 2,520 | For filing a request for ex parte reexamination | | | |
| 1804 920* | 1804 920* | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action | | | |
| 1805 1,840* | 1805 1,840* | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action | | | |
| 1251 110 | 2251 55 | Extension for reply within first month | | | |
| 1252 420 | 2252 210 | Extension for reply within second month | | | |
| 1253 950 | 2253 475 | Extension for reply within third month | | | |
| 1254 1,480 | 2254 740 | Extension for reply within fourth month | | | |
| 1255 2,010 | 2255 1,005 | Extension for reply within fifth month | | | |
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| 1402 330 | 2402 165 | Filing a brief in support of an appeal | | | |
| 1403 290 | 2403 145 | Request for oral hearing | | | |
| 1451 1,510 | 1451 1,510 | Petition to institute a public use proceeding | | | |
| 1452 110 | 2452 55 | Petition to revive - unavoidable | | | |
| 1453 1,330 | 2453 665 | Petition to revive - unintentional | | | |
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| 1460 130 | 1460 130 | Petitions to the Commissioner | | | |
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| 1810 770 | 2810 385 | For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b)) | | | |
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